



**TRICIA TAKES BACK SEAT:** Tricia Nixon sits sedately in the back seat of their golf cart as President and Mrs. Nixon, in the front seat, drive from the helicopter pad at the Western White House to their home beyond the palm trees. The President plans to spend eight to ten days in San Clemente on a working vacation. See story on page 13. (AP Wirephoto)

## U.S. Admits Problem Drug Abuse Battle Launched In Viet

SAIGON (AP) — The U.S. Command today unveiled a sweeping new program to combat drug abuse among American forces in Vietnam. It includes search-and-destroy operations with marijuana plants as the target.

A 64-page directive to all field commanders estimated that more than 65,000 GIs were guilty of drug abuse during 1970, including more than 11,000 apprehended or investigated and five times as many who escaped detection.

**MAJOR PROBLEM**  
It was the U.S. Command's first public acknowledgment that drugs have become one of

its major problems. The command said that of 9,253 drug violations by American troops during the first 10 months of last year, 7,065 were for use or possession of marijuana, 1,452 for use or possession of such "dangerous" drugs as amphetamines, barbiturates or LSD, and 736 for use or possession of narcotics, mostly heroin or opium.

The Army also has reported that during the first 10½ months of 1970, there were 25 confirmed drug deaths among Americans in Vietnam, another 64 fatalities in which drugs were suspected, and more than 700 hospital cases related to drugs.

The directive from Gen. Creighton W. Abrams, commander of U.S. forces in Vietnam, orders his subordinate commanders throughout the country to conduct ground and air search operations to locate marijuana plants, and to "utilize their resources, equipment and personnel in assisting the South Vietnamese government in eradicating the unlawful growing of marijuana," when the eradication work does not interfere with military operations.

The directive adds that while U.S. forces will search for marijuana, "under no circumstances will such fields, once discovered, be destroyed by U.S. forces. The responsibility for destroying these crops rests with the government of South Vietnam."

Although the directive apparently is the first formal statement that destruction of marijuana fields is an objective of U.S. policy, the burning of fields has been carried out in some areas for two years or more.

A great deal of marijuana grows in the grassland provinces of the western Mekong Delta. Some of it is cultivated as a cash crop, especially by members of the Hoa Hao religious sect which dominates areas of Kien Phong, An Giang and neighboring provinces.

**RELATIONS STRAINED**  
The burning of these fields, reportedly at the urging of U.S. officials, has strained relations with the Hoa Hao from time to time, sources in the delta say.

A spokesman for the U.S. Command said a bounty of one piaster, less than one U.S. cent, is being paid to the Vietnamese for each marijuana plant destroyed.

Police sources said about 700 Vietnamese were convicted last year for growing, possessing or selling marijuana, while about 1,300 were jailed for LSD or opium offenses. In most cases they got three to six months in jail.

Abrams also directed field commanders to develop drug suppression programs including "identification and reduction of morale and welfare factors such as idleness, loneliness, anxiety and frustration."

Drug abuse suppression councils are to be formed in each command down to the battalion level. The mission of the councils will be to provide for analysis, evaluation, and monitoring of all aspects of narcotics and drug suppression within the command.

The commanders were told to step up drug abuse education programs, to insure that each of their men is aware of the drug danger. The directive also said programs of amnesty and rehabilitation under way in some commands would be expanded, coordinated and standardized to aid those "who demonstrate a sincere desire to reform."

**WILL FORM GROUPS**  
The directive also outlined three joint Vietnamese-American groups that will be formed:

1. A combined anti-narcotics enforcement committee, to be

Rock Salt or Chloride, bag or ton delivered. Schreiber's. Adv.

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Col. Davids Gets Pension Of \$13,835

LANSING (AP) — The State Administrative Board has approved an annual pension of \$13,835 for Fredrick E. Davids, retired effective last Oct. 17 as director of State Police. Davids, 55, resigned to accept a new post as director of safety for the University of Michigan. He had been with State Police for 33 years, the last five years as director.

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ANN ARBOR (AP) — Premier Thanon Kittikachorn said today he will ask U.S. Defense Secretary Melvin R. Laird for more arms aid.

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## Parochialism Amendment Called Unconstitutional



**SLATE, STONES OR SALT?:** Coloma City Commissioner Howard Quigley holds sample of rocks and slates he has found in salt purchased by city from the International Salt company, Clarks Summit, Pa. Quigley wants the firm to either replace the 25-ton order or refund the city's money because of the deficiencies. The official said the salt also has powder mixed with it which clogs the city's salt spreader. According to Quigley, the large amount of slate and stone in the salt forces city crews added work in spreading it. (Cliff Stevens photo)

## Wayne Denies He Cussed Protestors

### Vet Cong Flag Waver Center Of Dispute

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — A reported obscenity-spiced confrontation between actor John Wayne and a group of Vietnam war protesters waving Viet Cong flags was being investigated by police today. Wayne denied the incident occurred.

Gregory Kirkwood, 22, filed a complaint with police Tuesday seeking to have Wayne charged with disturbing the peace. Kirkwood said Wayne called him a dirty name.

Kirkwood told a reporter that Wayne became angered when he saw Viet Cong flags held by the protesters outside Memorial Auditorium Monday night after the film star and other top entertainers appeared at a gala marking the second inaugural of Gov. Ronald Reagan, a former actor.

A spokesman for Wayne, 63, year-old star of films dating back decades—many with patriotic war themes—said the actor was advised of reports of the incident and commented: "Mr. Wayne said there is no truth to the rumor or the story."

Kirkwood said he and his friends said nothing to Wayne, who came forward them on spotting the red and blue flag with a yellow star and shouted: "What the hell is that?" Kirkwood said Wayne repeated the question, this time using an obscenity.

"He started to come toward us and the police had to step in and restrain him," Kirkwood said. "He should have been arrested. We would have been if we had said those things."

Police said the complaint would be routinely investigated and a report sent to the district attorney's office, which would decide whether a charge should be brought.

Another witness was Lt. Robert Chapman of the California Police. (See back page, sec. 1, col. 1)

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## Issue Now In Michigan High Court

### Lawyer Says Monopoly By State Illegal

LANSING (AP) — Michigan's controversial new constitutional amendment banning parochialism is in double conflict with the United States Constitution and may face more challenges in federal courts regardless of how the State Supreme Court rules.

Those possibilities emerged Tuesday as the Michigan high court devoted the first day of its new session to oral arguments by lawyers for various parties in the ongoing controversy over state aid to sectarian elementary and secondary schools.

**WOULDN'T HELP**  
But both sides in the case agreed nothing would be gained if the court overturned the Nov. 3 ballot results which saw the "antiparochialism" amendment adopted by some 300,000 votes.

Atty. Gen. Frank J. Kelley, represented by Russel Searl, an assistant attorney general, had argued the ballot proposal was improperly drafted and submitted, but he was overturned by the State Appeals Court which ordered the issue submitted to voters.

Kelley, apparently reversing himself to the point of admitting defeat on the issue, cited the doctrine of "Election Cures Errors," although insisting he correctly followed supreme court precedents in his ruling.

"It's just a bad law," said Searl of Michigan's much amended election code.

Erwin Ellman, lawyer for amendment sponsors, agreed that the court should not overturn the vote on the issue.

"After an election, one does not go back and look for quibbles and quiddities," he said.

But Alfred L. Scanlon, a Washington, D. C. lawyer who argues cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, told the Michigan bench he believes the both the First and 14th Amendments of the Federal Constitution.

He said it goes against the fundamental right of religious freedom expressed in the First and conflicts with rights of educational self-determination established as far back as 1925 under the 14th Amendment's "Due Process" clause.

He said the amendment could be challenged in a federal court as propagating "a pernicious policy of state monopoly" that was overturned in a 1925 Oregon case challenging the Legislature's enactment of a law requiring all students to attend public schools.

The Michigan amendment and a series of issues raised by its adoption at the last general election were submitted to the court by Gov. William G. Milliken on Dec. 4, under a rarely-used provision of the State Constitution that allows him to ask the court's advice on especially crucial issues. Milliken said in his request that administration of the entire public education system hinges on what the court decides the amendment's three sentences mean in the light of Article Eight, section 2 of the 1963 constitution.

**BALLOT BOX RESULTS**  
Parties agreed Tuesday the least that can be said is that the amendment amounted to a ballot-box rejection of the \$22

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## Rockefeller Tells Of Financial Woes New York Needs 'Massive' U.S. Aid, He Says

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller said today that New York faces "a disastrous breakdown" of essential services unless massive federal financial aid to the states is approved by the new Congress.

Rockefeller, in an address to the state legislature at the start of his fourth four-year term as governor, said:

"Many local governments, particularly in our great cities, verge on actual financial collapse. And now for the first time, the states also find their backs to the financial wall."

"We recognize, realistically, that we as a single state can no longer realize our future hopes alone. It is a time of testing for our national government."

Rockefeller, who is trying to

## GM Okays Second Hike In Salaries

DETROIT (AP) — The more than 100,000 white collar workers at General Motors are making 13 per cent more in salaries than they did in December.

A company spokesman confirmed Tuesday that GM salaried employees were given a wage hike effective Jan. 1 to bring their wages in line with those of the Ford Motor Co. An earlier pay raise that went into effect Dec. 1 fell short of the Ford wage increase last Dec. 17, which provided 13 per cent or \$85, whichever was greater, retroactive to Nov. 1, for some 60,000 Ford salaried workers.

The pay hikes are patterned after the increases won by hourly rated workers, who walked the picket lines during a 67-day United Auto Workers Union strike.

"A disastrous breakdown of those essential services" will result without federal aid, he said.

Rockefeller said the increased revenue demands on the next budget include \$1.3 billion which had not been previously approved by the legislature.

The other \$2.5 billion, he said, consists of "urgent appeals" for more money for schools and the state's largest cities.

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Editorial Page

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The War Against Nature

More than just having "to destroy the village in order to save it," we have ruined vast areas of the South Vietnamese countryside in pursuit of the same goal.

So charges a commission set up by the American Association for the Advancement of Science to investigate the effects of the herbicide spraying program the United States has carried out in South Vietnam since 1962.

In a report to the 137th annual meeting of the association in Chicago, the Herbicide Assessment Commission stated that over the last nine years U.S. forces have sprayed more than 5.5 million acres, or about 8,600 square miles, of forest and cropland in South Vietnam, an area greater than that of Connecticut, Rhode Island and Delaware combined.

The spraying has resulted in the defoliation of nearly five million acres of hardwood forests, or about 20 per cent of the total in the country, destroying marketable timber worth \$500 million.

Half the country's mangrove forests, once a major source of fuelwood and charcoal, have been sprayed, as well as enough crops to feed some 600,000 people for a year. The botanists and biologists on the commission estimate it

may take decades for the affected lands to recover.

Still inconclusive is evidence that herbicide chemicals have caused a rise in stillbirths and deformed babies among inhabitants of the sprayed areas.

Army spokesmen answer that the spraying has saved many American lives by removing cover for enemy troops to hide in and crops to support them and by revealing enemy base camps and supply routes in thick jungles.

There is no reason to doubt the military's claims. The commission's own findings affirm the effectiveness of defoliation.

The real question, however, is the same question that is increasingly being asked about the war as a whole: Was it worth it?

In anticipation of the report, the White House announced that it was embarking on "an orderly, yet rapid phaseout of the herbicide operations" in Vietnam. The same kind of phaseout of American combat troops has been going on for the past year and a half.

Once we have gone from South Vietnam and our works there have ceased, only time will tell whether it has all been worth it, whether the country has been "saved," and for what.

Only then can the questions surrounding this difficult war begin to be answered.

Jimmy's Pals  
Are On The Job

James R. Hoffa is a man with friends. Since the boss of the Teamsters Union wound up in a federal penitentiary for jury tampering and mishandling of union pension funds, his friends have been zealous in his behalf.

The latest manifestation of this came to light the other day when Sen. Norris Cotton of New Hampshire said President Nixon would soon be presented with a petition asking that Hoffa be granted a parole. Cotton said he himself would deliver the petition, and claimed it would bear 250,000 signatures.

Hairy Question

One of the election surprises which was not apparent until Congress reconvened for its lame duck session was that Gabby Hayes was elected to the United States Senate. At least, that is what Sen. Philip Hart's wife thinks he looks like since he began to sprout a full beard.

It is strange that in this day when facial foliage of any and all description is seen in all its glory almost everywhere, Sen. Hart should be the first bearded senator to appear on the floor in 31 years.

At that, the Senator's appearance is a fluke, the result of a pre-election promise he made to his children when he expected not to have to appear in Washington before January.

The question now before the chair is whether any others will dare follow his example.

A College Indicted

The indictment of Hobart College in New York as a corporate being must be unprecedented. Colleges have always enjoyed a special status that derived, in part, from their pursuit of knowledge, understanding and wisdom in an atmosphere redolent not only of good manners, good taste and true intellectuality but also of disdain for violence.

Indicative of the changing atmosphere on campus is a special New York state grand jury's decision that a college should be held directly responsible for student disorders. In this case it was done by indicting Hobart for "recklessly" allowing a professor and two students to prevent the police from jailing three students arrested during a disturbance.

The immediate reaction of the college hierarchy is, understandably, one of shock at this sudden imputation of public accountability for an alleged sin of omission. It must feel like a permissive parent who has just been told that he has done a wretched job of raising his children.

Ultimately, the indictment may come to naught; the prosecution may not be able to sustain the burden of proof or a jury may be persuaded of the college's good intentions.

Nevertheless, the indictment at the moment must be regarded as a reflection of the growing public impatience with the lamentable failure of many administrations to strike a reasonable balance between dissent and good order.

Through The Iron Curtain



GLANCING BACKWARDS

**BAN ON 'ROCK**  
—At bandshell  
—1 Year Ago—  
There will be no rock music for St. Joseph's new bandshell. Period.

That was the policy for the old bandshell and it will hold for the new one, too, said Mayor W. H. "Duke" Ehrenberg in response to an inquiry at the city commission meeting last night.

**EMPLOYMENT UNIT**  
**GAINS IN ALL PHASES**  
—10 Years Ago—  
All phases of the Twin City branch of the Michigan Em-

ployment Security commission, located at 80 Port street, showed gains in 1960 over the preceding year. William A. Hyde, local manager, said today.

Unemployment benefits paid out last year were \$1,235,000 as against \$1,213,000 in 1959. Hyde described both periods as low in comparison to the amounts paid in the better employment periods of 1957-58.

today that the British army of the Nile has rendered 94,000 Italian troops "ineffective" in fighting in North Africa since Dec. 9.

These figures include, it was said, at least 70,000 prisoners, wounded and dead.

**INTENDS TO RUN**  
—40 Years Ago—  
D. E. Patterson, superintendent of schools at New Buffalo, probably will be the fourth candidate for the Republican nomination for county school commissioner. His intention to run was revealed today when he requested nomination petitions from the office of County Clerk Benjamin H. Bittner.

**LEAVE SOON**  
—50 Years Ago—  
Mrs. M. J. Donald Nez and Mrs. Margaret Carlton leave soon for California to spend the winter.

**ICE HARVEST**  
—60 Years Ago—  
The Michigan Central will start to harvest ice tomorrow and will employ 50 men until the large ice house is filled.

**SPONSOR SUPPER**  
—80 Years Ago—  
Women of the Methodist foreign missionary society are to give a supper, price 20 cents, proceeds to be given to the poor.

THE  
FAMILY LAWYER

Lost At The Laundry

Katherine went to the neighborhood laundry to pick up her week's wash. But the proprietor greeted her with bad news. "We had a burglary last night," he said, "and your bundles were stolen. I'm afraid you are just out of luck."

But Katherine decided that he, not she, ought to bear the loss. Filing suit for damages, she pointed out that the back door of the laundry had only the flimsiest kind of a lock, even though the building had been burglarized before. The court found the proprietor guilty of negligence, and ordered him to pay Katherine's claim.

**ANY DIFFERENCE**

When you leave clothing at either a laundry or a dry cleaner, you are creating what the law calls a "bailment." The

BENNET CERF

Try And Stop Me

An overstuffed pillar of Chicago society found herself seated next to a famous collector of rare books at a dinner party recently and as an opening gambit, hazarded, "I hear you collect old books." "That I do," he assured her. "What an interesting little hobby," she pushed. "Picked up any Gutenberg Bibles lately?"

A few more exact quotes from rural English newspapers rounded up by an eagle-eyed scout at Punch Magazine: 1. "Reports of a crocodile crawling across the busiest intersection on Great Ouse Street could not be substantiated." 2. "Mr. C. E. Bird of Throstle Nest, has found a blue budgerigar with a red rubber ring on its leg." 3. "The stage production of 'On Calcutta' is an insult to human dignity," insists Canon A. S.



Oseroff in his parish magazine. He refers also to the fish and chip wrappings deposited on the main road between the Clock Tower and the Fox and Goose Hotel."

DR. COLEMAN

..And Speaking  
Of Your Health

Everytime I become overly concerned about one of my children my closest friends call me "paranoid."

She is the "neighborhood psychiatrist," since she reads a book on psychiatry.

How should we handle her?

Mrs. P. G., Conn.

Dear Mrs. G.: The best way to handle her is

to let her know that soon her best friend may not be available to her to be bombarded by her ignorance of terms.

Paranoia is a very complex psychiatric condition that demands the highest degree of training to understand. Paranoia is a mental disorder and is associated with all sorts of delusional behavior. Certainly, this does not fit your friend's interpretation of your attitude to your children.

"Paranoid" is not a word to be used by anyone to disparage another. Unfortunately, many sophisticated people believe that, because they can use the jargon and employ words like "hostility," "aggression," and "ambivalence," they are thus qualified as part-time neighborhood analysts without portfolio.

When the cartilage of the knee is injured and removed can the knee joint function properly?

Mr. T. J., Mich.  
Dear M. J.: There probably is no greater testimonial to the wonders of the bones, joints, ligaments, cartilage and muscles than the mayhem that

occurs on football fields every Saturday and Sunday.

I feel a penetrating thud in my mid-section every time a ballcarrier and a tackler collide and are deluged by a mountain of additional players.

It comes as a never-ending surprise that underneath that pile is a human being who will again walk, run or even move.

The cartilage in the knee cap is a very dense, elastic tissue that apparently is able to withstand such massive pressure.

All normal activity and motion is made easier by the cartilage between bones. Sometimes, however, a tear occurs and the cartilage is pulled away from its attachment to the bone.

Only rarely does the torn cartilage heal by itself. Then it may be necessary to remove the cartilage by surgery.

It is astonishing how often these remarkable athletes, with proper rest and re-training, can once again take on the "weighty" burden of their sports with little or no limitation.

**SPEAKING OF YOUR HEALTH:** Safe pregnancies depend on medical observation from the time this happy event is recognized by the doctor.

Dr. Lester Coleman has prepared a special booklet for readers of this column, "Alcoholism — A Family Disease." It probes this grave problem and offers hopeful advice. For your copy, send 25 cents in coin and a large, self-addressed 6-cent stamped envelope to Lester L. Coleman, M.D., P.O. Box 5170, Grand Central Station, New York, N.Y. 10017. Please mention the booklet by title.

JAY BECKER

Contract Bridge

North dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♦ A Q 7 6 3  
♥ 8 4  
♦ A K Q 10 6 3  
♣ —  
**WEST**  
♦ 9 4  
♥ J 6 3  
♦ J 8 5  
♣ K 10 7 5 2  
**EAST**  
♦ 10  
♥ K Q 10 9 2  
♦ 9 4  
♣ A Q 8 6 4  
**SOUTH**  
♦ K J 8 5 2  
♥ A 7 5  
♦ 7 2  
♣ J 9 3

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1♦ 1♥ 1♠ Pass

There are some bidding situations that seldom arise, but if you and your partner are equipped to handle them when the rare occasion does occur, you may be very handsomely rewarded for your foresight. Consider this case, where North faces the challenging problem after he opens with a diamond. East bids a heart. South a spade and West passes. From North's viewpoint, it seems practically certain that

South can make either five, six or seven spades — depending upon the nature of his values. It is not a question of whether South has 8 points, or 13 points, or even 18 points, but rather a question of whether South has such particular features as the king of spades, the ace or king of hearts, or a singleton or void in hearts.

Thus, if South has the king of spades and ace of hearts — a mere 7 points — a grand slam in spades is clearly in order.

It is generally recognized — certainly, in the top echelons of bridge — that a jump to five spades in this sequence announces a hand containing two heartlosers, with the rest of the hand solid.

Five spades therefore logically becomes a forcing bid if South has either first or second round control of hearts.

With South's actual holding he should bid six hearts to identify first round control of the suit, and this in turn should propel North into bidding seven spades. North should assume that his partner must also have the king of spades, since South could not reasonably invite a grand slam in spades unless his trumps were headed by at least the king.

RUTH RAMSEY

Today's Grab Bag

THE ANSWER QUICK!

1 — What is the interception of the light of the sun by the intervention of the moon between it and the earth called?  
2 — What is a jinnicksha?  
3 — What was the real name of Mark Twain?  
4 — What Roman senator ended each of his speeches with "Carthage must be destroyed"?  
5 — Was the Louvre once the chief palace of the kings of France?

BORN TODAY

As a biographer, novelist, historian, poet and storyteller, Carl Sandburg has proclaimed his faith in the wisdom of the American people. In the process, he has closed the gap, through his writings, between frontier America and our modern industrial society.

He has written more than 1,000 free verse poems, produced an outstanding biography of Abraham Lincoln and earned a reputation as an authority on folk music.

Along the way he has won two Pulitzer Prizes and is one of the most widely read of American authors among high school students.

He is a native of Galesburg, in the prairie country of Illinois — in Lincoln country. He was born in 1878, the second of seven children of a Swedish immigrant.

Although he grew up in a conservative Republican atmos-

phere, his interest in social justice was aroused by a railway engineers' strike and the Chicago Haymarket riots of 1886.

He earned his keep from the age of 11 by sweeping floors, cleaning cuspidors, delivering newspapers and doing other odd jobs. After leaving school at the end of the eighth grade, he became a full time milkman.

Later he was a handyman in a drugstore, carried water for a road crew, sold refreshments and rented boats at a resort, harvested ice at a frozen lake, shifted scenery in a theater, worked at a racetrack, a bottling plant, a brickyard and a pottery. He also shined shoes in a barber shop.

The rest of his life is well-known — newspaperman in Chicago, Lincoln biographer, balladeer, folk singer, poet and winner of countless awards.

Others born today include Cary Middlecoff, Danny Thomas, Loretta Young and Joan of Arc.

IT HAPPENED TODAY

On this day in 1898 the first telephone message from a submarine under water took place.

**IT'S BEEN SAID**  
When you see a man in distress, recognize him as a fellow man. — Seneca.

HOW'D YOU MAKE OUT?

1 — An eclipse of the sun.  
2 — A light two-wheeled hooded vehicle drawn by a man or men.  
3 — Samuel Langhorne Clemens.  
4 — Marcus Porcius Cato.  
5 — Yes.

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Twin City  
News

ST. JOSEPH, MICH., WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 1971

## BH Schools Asking: Does Michigan Have Policy On Transfers?

Benton Harbor schools Supt. Mark E. Lewis said Tuesday the local school board wants to know if the State Board of Education has a policy on transfers of property and integration.

He referred to a petition drive in west Fairplain to transfer from Benton Harbor district across the river to St. Joseph school district.

The state board last year transferred most of the former Eaman district from Benton Harbor to Coloma. Lewis called

it "incredible" when the state board in October reaffirmed its earlier decision to transfer Eaman.

The Benton Harbor district had opposed the transfer on ground it would contribute to racial segregation and spark similar requests from other parts of the district.

Transfer of Eaman to Coloma involved about 160 students and property with a state equalized valuation of \$2,541,878.

The west Fairplain effort to

break away would be of greater magnitude. Lewis said the Fairplain sector of St. Joseph township has 750-800 students currently in Benton Harbor schools. Equalized valuation (tax base) of west Fairplain is \$16.8 million or about \$20,000 per student. The student average is higher than the Benton Harbor district as a whole. West Fairplain has more than 2,000 residents.

"We want to make the County Intermediate board and State Board of Education aware of the implications," said Lewis.

Benton Harbor has commissioned an architect to draw plans for a new high school and has slated an election in March on a bond issue to finance construction. Lack of stability in the district would be an obvious detriment to new construction.

Signatures of two-thirds of the resident property owners on petitions are required before a transfer of west Fairplain could be considered by the County Intermediate board. County Supt. Doyle Barkmeir said yesterday no petitions have been received yet.

The Intermediate board has first jurisdiction on property transfers. It turned down the Eaman transfer originally, but residents appealed to the State board which granted it.

"Responsibility for these acts rests on a state level," said Lewis, "and we want to know if the state has a policy."

**NO FORMAL STANDS**  
Neither the Benton Harbor board or the St. Joseph board has taken a formal stand on the issue, pending presentation of petitions to the county board — if they are presented.

West Fairplain is virtually all-white as is the St. Joseph school district. Student population of the Benton Harbor district is 53.8 per cent black.

Paul Freudenberg, spokesman for concerned parents of West Fairplain, said last month that a main issue is safety of children.

## No Heat, Catholic High Closes

Lake Michigan Catholic High school is closed today because of a heating problem but Sister Noreen Marie, principal, expects classes to resume Thursday.

The heating plant ran out of oil Monday when a gauge on the supply broke. Tuesday the school was chilly but warm enough to hold classes.

Last night's cold wave was too severe, however, to permit full recovery of heat so classes were called off for today, the principal said.

**VISIT PARENTS**  
GANGES — Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Perkins and family Ganges, spent New Year's holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Perkins, Rockford, Ill.

## JAIL ESCAPEE

### Brief Freedom To Cost \$1,000

A young escape artist who has given police the slip on four occasions was socked with a \$1,000 fine Tuesday.

Eighteen-year-old Cecil Spear, 2159 Red Arrow highway, Benton Heights, drew this sentence in Fifth District court, following pre-sentence investigation after conviction on his fourth escape last Aug. 28.

Spear also was assessed an

additional \$750 in fines for six other charges lined up against him. If he fails to pay the fines, he will spend 490 days in jail.

If he fails to pay, Spear may serve the sentences concurrently, however, and the maximum he received on one charge was 180 days for escaping custody.

Where he serves the sentence would be determined by a felony charge still pending in circuit court. District court commitment papers indicate that Spear may be sentenced to time in the Berrien county jail or the state prison in Jackson. A district court spokesman said he could be sentenced to serve the time in Jackson if circuit court sentences him to any time.

Spear escaped from the booking area in the Berrien county jail Aug. 28, and was recaptured Aug. 31.

He also escaped Aug. 1 through an open gate at the Benton Harbor police station; from a sheriff's deputy as he was being taken to jail Dec. 26, 1969, and from court Aug. 8, 1969, when he left to get money for his fine and never returned.

Also yesterday, he was assessed \$200 fine and costs or 90 days in jail for malicious destruction of a home belonging to Gilbert Evans in Benton Heights and \$200 fine and costs or 90 days in jail on malicious destruction of property belonging to Mattie Evans Aug. 15.

He was also sentenced to \$120 fine and cost or 60 days in jail for assault and battery for beating Wayne Johnson Aug. 10 in Benton township; \$31 fine and cost or 10 days in jail for drunk and disorderly Aug. 15, and \$19 for having no operator's license Aug. 15.

He was sentenced to \$90 fine and costs or 30 days in jail for two separate charges of being a minor in possession of intoxicants on Aug. 15 and Aug. 17, 1970.

Still pending in circuit court is sentencing on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon. He pleaded guilty to the charge and awaits sentencing.

## Firemen Douse Blaze In Benton

Benton township firemen said they had to rip out the insulation of a mobile home in Shady Acres Mobile Home park, 465 South Fair avenue, yesterday to get to a fire that had spread from a space under the furnace.

Firemen said the fire caused an estimated \$100 damage when the fire spread through the heat ducts. The occupants had to spend the night elsewhere because of no heat. The mobile home is owned by Paul Holly.

## Women's Group Cancels Meeting

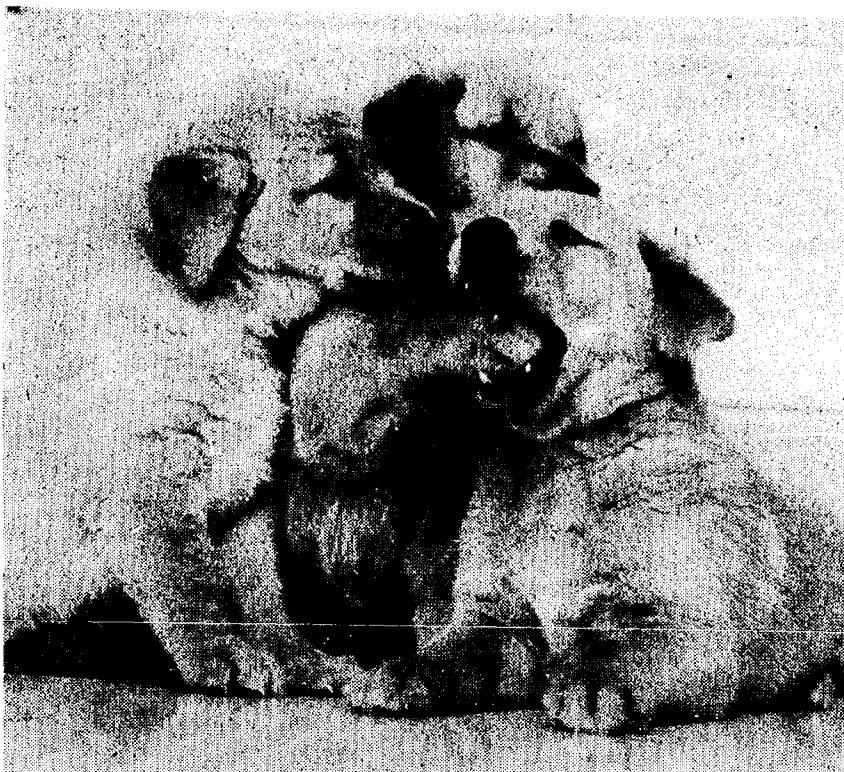
The regular monthly meeting of the St. Rita circle of the Daughters of Isabella scheduled for Thursday at St. John's clubrooms, Benton Harbor, has been cancelled because of the weather, according to Mrs. Alta McCarthy, recording secretary.

## Birth Omitted

A birth at Benton Harbor Mercy hospital inadvertently was omitted from Saturday's page 1 account of New Year's babies in the area. A 6-pound 11-ounce boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carver, 404 Paw Paw avenue, Benton Harbor, at 10:38 a.m. New Year's.



**NEW BERRIEN DEPUTIES:** Berrien county's four newest deputies, all added in recent days, are (from left) Stephen L. Kenney, 49, of St. Joseph; Donald E. Zwar, 23, of Watervliet; Larry A. Eichelberger, 28, of Stevensville; and James L. Walters, 33, of St. Joseph. Kenney takes over a brand new post as jailer. Others, all patrolmen, replace deputies who have left. All are married and new to police work. (Staff photo)



**'TAKE A BITE':** Challenge is accepted and puppy nips his sibling's paw at Berrien Humane Society shelter, 641 South Crystal avenue, where these Shepherd-Husky mix are lodged while awaiting new homes.



**IN TEARS?:** Victim of nip looks like he might be yelping in pain. Actually, it's just a sleepy yawn, while puppy at left seems to feel real low down about whole affair. (Staff photos by Harry Smith)

## Byrns Selected By Judges

### Will Preside Over Court

Berrien Circuit Judge Chester J. Byrns of St. Joseph has been chosen by his two fellow jurists as presiding judge of the court for 1971.

Judge Byrns, 48, a circuit judge since 1966, takes over the post from two-term holder Judge Karl F. Zick of Sodus township.

As presiding judge, he is chief administrator and spokesman for the court and, with agreement of Judges Zick and Julian Hughes, assigns duties such as jury selection, personnel administration, budget preparation, appointment of attorneys for indigents, supervision of the county law library and liaison with court-related offices.

The presiding judge also oversees the quarterly calling of the dead calendar, or dismissing civil suits inactive for a year, and has the authority to reassign cases and call a court "en banc," or in a three-judge panel.

Judge Zick was presiding judge in 1968 and 1969. Before 1968, when the county had only two judges, they alternated in the presiding judge's post. Judge Hughes began serving in 1969.

## Man Gets Probation

Dale Grafford, a 21-year-old New Buffalo resident, was sentenced Tuesday in Berrien circuit court to a two-year probation for larceny in a building.

Grafford pleaded guilty earlier to a charge of stealing a cash box April 5, 1970, in Leland Mapes' gas station in New Buffalo township. Judge Karl F. Zick ordered Grafford to pay \$150 fine and costs.



JUDGE CHESTER J. BYRNS

## Twin Cities Area Police Roundup

Benton Harbor police arrested Robert Lee Powell, 22, of 1627 Prospect street, Grand Rapids, yesterday on a charge of possessing stolen property. Police said the car he was driving was reported stolen from Klum's Olds-Cadillac Co. Oct. 10.

Powell was turned over to Benton Harbor police by New Buffalo State Police Trooper Alan V. Engstrom, who stopped Powell on a charge of speeding on I-94. Powell's wife and two other passengers were released.

Engstrom also issued Powell a summons for using improper plates on the car.

Benton Harbor police arrested Roger Dale Whitaker, 19, of 2542 Brice road, Benton township, yesterday on a charge of being a deserter from military

## Industrial Park Sewer Advanced

### Proposal Passes At First Hearing

The Benton township board of trustees last night approved a first hearing on a \$200,000 sewer line for the Twin Cities Area Development Corp. The line will extend from Greenly avenue to Dorey avenue, along Meadowbrook road.

The sewer line will service the Pipestone Industrial district and will be constructed on property owned by the Twin Cities Area Development Corp. A second hearing will be held Jan. 19 to determine the time spread for payment.

In other business last night, Supervisor Martin Lane appointed three men to the board of review for a term beginning Jan. 1, 1971, and ending Dec. 31, 1973. The three were William Simaz, Meadowbrook road; Joseph Postelli, Territorial road; and Donald Kalina, Euclid avenue.

The board also approved a resolution authorizing the supervisor to sign a petition for cleaning, relocating, straightening, deepening and extending a flood drain near Crystal and Empire avenues. The drain flows into Ox Creek.

## St. Joseph Girl On Dean's List

Miss Judy Neuman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Neumann, 2242 Lynn drive, St. Joseph, has been named to the Dean's List for the first quarter at Concordia Lutheran college, Ann Arbor.

service at Fort Riley, Kan.

Benton Township police said Joe Patton of 184 Concord court, Benton township, reported a television set stolen in a burglary of his home while he was in church last night.

## Commissioners Undecided On Running In BH

### Longer Terms Are At Stake In 1971

Benton Harbor Mayor Wilbert Smith, elected to seven straight two-year terms, said he has not decided whether to seek an eighth term that would span four years under an ordinance adopted by the city commission last Monday.

Varying degrees of decision and indecision were expressed by other members of the city commission, whose terms expire this year.

Ralph Lhotka, commissioner-at-large and mayor pro-tem, said he's not sure yet, but probably will run for re-election.

### MAY STEP DOWN

T. Gregory Longpre, first ward commissioner, said, "My immediate feeling is that I am not going to be running again."

Other commissioners whose terms expire this year voiced indecision, because the primary election will not be until next August, while the general election will be in November, under the new ordinance.

Under the old system, commissioners served two-year terms with primaries in February and annual city general elections in April. This is ended under the ordinance, permitted by a new state law providing elections every two years with longer terms.

Expiring this year are terms of Virgil May, commissioner-at-large; John Stancik, second ward commissioner; Smith, Lhotka and Longpre.

Also to face election is Otis Joseph, Jr., commissioner-at-large who was appointed last November to his post as successor to Charles Gray. Gray resigned from the commission because he moved from the city.

Joseph said he plans to be a candidate. Under the new ordinance, Joseph would run in the August primary, or November general election, whichever the case may be, to fill Gray's unexpired term. City Atty. Samuel Henderson said this term would have expired in 1972, but Joseph's term would be extended until 1973 when he would be up for a regular four-year term.

Remaining in office until December, 1973, will be Commissioners F. Joseph Flaugh, Edward Merrill and Daniel Chapman, whose terms would have ended in 1972. Also up for election in 1973 will be the city supervisors from each ward and constable.

From officials facing election this year came the following opinions:

Mayor Smith — "I have not made any decision on seeking re-election because the primary is not until next August." Smith said the outcome of a proposed six-mill property tax increase election in February is no factor, except that if it's defeated, the challenge to continue as mayor would be even greater.

Lhotka — "I'm not sure yet, but I probably will run." He said a change in position would have to come in the form of a request not to seek re-election from his family. Lhotka cited long-range problems yet to be solved. He included construction of a shopping center on the old fruit market site; putting the fruit market on a sound financial basis; and erasing a deficit in the cemetery operation. Lhotka termed these a challenge.

Longpre — He said when the primary was set for February, he was planning not to run for re-election and probably will not change his mind about an August primary. Longpre cited pressures of business that he said are mounting and consuming more time.

Stancik — He said he was not thinking of running in February, because of business pressure, but expects that he may run, if business slacks up by next August.

May — He said he probably would have decided to run if the primary were in February, but plans not to give this too much thought, now that that election is in August. May said it's "no great joy to serve on the commission with all the problems," but termed the effort a contribution he could make as a citizen.

May said defeat of the millage next month would be a factor in his final consideration. Others asked about the millage vote said it would make no difference in final decisions.

Voters on Feb. 15 will vote on six mills for ten years to provide money to raise pay of city employees. The city must

## Shoreham Seeks Study Extension

### Lake Erosion Worries Officials

Dr. Hugo David, Shoreham president, plans to ask the Detroit district of the Army Corps of Engineers to extend its study of Lake Michigan erosion further south to include the village.

Dr. David read a letter from the corps announcing the corps is undertaking a study of the Lake Michigan shoreline to attempt to determine if the presence of the St. Joseph harbor piers had adversely affected shoreline property further south.

Engineers, including those of the government, believe the piers have interrupted the lateral drift of sand which normally nourishes the beaches and prevents waves from undermining the bluffs.

**FEDERAL LAW**  
Federal law provides for shoreline protection if the erosion is the result of government installations although any such project costing more than \$1,000,000 would have to be approved by Congress.

Dr. David noted that the area of the survey as outlined on an accompanying map only took in the area from Hilltop to Hawthorne roads. He said this area was currently being protected by a seawall under construction by the state department of highways and he planned to ask the corps to extend its study further south to include the land in the village. Shoreham extends as far south as Maiden Lane.

Joseph Mueller, village trustee, and representative of Shoreham on the Lake Michigan Shoreline Water and Sewage Treatment authority, predicted considerable action next spring in water service connections.

He said, and Dr. David echoed his statement, that village and St. Joseph township officials are getting increased number of inquiries on water hook ups. Mueller said that application can be made to St. Joseph township who will in turn send them on to the city of St. Joseph.

The Brown school and Bendix water lines bisect Shoreham and many residents could hook up onto these lines as soon as they are acquired by the authority.

Shoreham's Progressive party caucus, the only party active in the village, will be held Monday, Feb. 8, in the village hall. Deadline for registering for the election in March is Feb. 5. Mrs. Janet Helsley, clerk announced.

### NONE ANNOUNCE

To be nominated will be persons to fill the offices of president, clerk, treasurer and assessor, and three trustees. Incumbents are Dr. David, president; Mrs. Helsley, clerk; Fyrmith Davis, treasurer; Frank Oles, assessor; Barbara Drews, Larry Hauch and Mueller are trustees whose terms expire this year. Trustees are elected for two-year terms. None of the incumbents were ready last night to announce their plans for seeking re-election.

A committee of Anson Lovellette, Harry Jager and Oles will start work on revising existing ordinances following receipt of model ordinances covering a wide range of community problems from the Michigan Municipal League.

St. Joseph township Building Inspector Harold Morrison reported 16 building permits covering 19 projects in 1970 amounting to \$479,100 in new construction. This unusually high figure reflects mostly apartment buildings being erected by William Sorrels on the north limits of the village.

raise policemen's pay eight per cent July 1, and another eight per cent Jan. 1, 1972, under orders of an arbitration panel.



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Section  
Four

## Tri-CAP Mounting Big Push To Save Anti-Poverty Funds



TWO KILLED IN FIRE: Sgt. Austin D. Waldren, Jackson Post of the Michigan State Police, inspects the ruins of a cabin where an Albion businessman and his wife were killed Tuesday. Fire leveled their

home at Duck Lake in Calhoun county. Victims were identified as Kenneth Trine, owner of Trine Electric Co. of Albion, and his wife Marion. (AP Wirephoto)

## Hamilton Township Grower

## Donald R. Hanson Re-Elected Chairman Of Van Buren Board

PAW PAW — Van Buren county commissioners Tuesday re-elected Commissioner Donald R. Hanson of rural Decatur as their board chairman.

Commissioner Daniel Fox of Decatur was re-elected as vice-chairman.

Hanson defeated Commissioner William Taft of South Haven by a 9-6 margin. Fox defeated Commissioner Willard Runsey of rural Paw Paw by the same margin.

### FARMER-GROWER

The chairman represents Hamilton and Keeler townships, is 32, a farmer-grower in Hamilton township, is married and has four children.

He was re-elected to a second two-year-term on the board in November.

Fox, 67, married, is a retired bank employee and served in 1970 as chairman of the important salary and finance committee. He represents Decatur township and village.

Fox is beginning his second two-year-term on the board. The election of the chairman

and vice-chairman came after commissioners were given the oath of office by Van Buren

Circuit Court Judge David Anderson, Jr.

Judge Anderson, wishing the board well in the year ahead, admonished them to remember that "every decision you make affects very resident of Van Buren county."

He added: "I know you will devote, as you have in the past, your very best efforts and thoughts to those who live in the county."

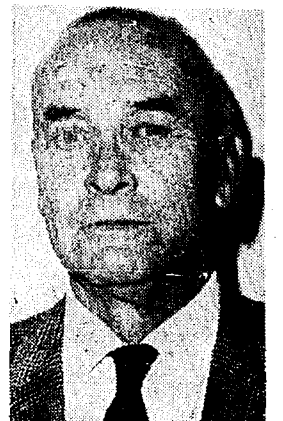
Also Tuesday, during the 90-minute organizational meeting, the commissioners named two committees.

Runsey, Waldo Dick of Lawrence and Frank Kolesar of Covert were named to the audit and purchasing committee.

Dick, Fox and Lloyd Martin of Lawton were named as the committee to recommend committee assignments for 1971. The commissioners are to meet again on Jan. 12.



DONALD R. HANSON  
Chairman



DANIEL FOX  
Vice Chairman

## Team Going To Chicago Thursday

### Plea Backed With Letters And Petitions

Tri-CAP will send a 27 member team, armed with letters and petitions of support, to Chicago Thursday in a battle to save its antipoverty programs. Spokesman for the group will be Attorney F. A. (Mike) Jones of Benton Harbor. He and other civic and state officials will try to show cause why the Tri-County Community Action Program should be re-funded by the federal Office of Economic Opportunity.

A special hearing at the Great Lakes Regional OEO office is scheduled for 10 a.m. between Tri-CAP's representatives and Wendell Verduin, regional director of OEO.

Regional OEO notified Tri-CAP Dec. 14 that a tentative decision had been made not to re-fund the local agency that fights the war on poverty in Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties.

A final decision on refunding is not expected at tomorrow's meeting according to Tri-CAP officials.

Last year Tri-CAP received \$600,000 in federal funds to operate local programs.

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Civic, business, civil rights and church leaders on the committee include Wilbert Smith, Benton Harbor mayor, James Murphy, vice president, Inter-City bank; Melvin Farmer, assistant director of Model Cities; Mrs. Mary DeFoe, national field director of the NAACP and Sid Finley, quad-state director of the NAACP; Joseph Mackin, who will testify concerning Tri-CAP's work with the summer youth employment program; Rev. C. Wesley Gordon, Rev. C. W. Jones and Rev. Donald Adkins.

Other tri-county officials who pledged their support but had earlier commitments that prevented them from going included State Rep. Ray Mittan, Benton Harbor.

He and Frank White, deputy director, Berrien department of social services; Daniel Fox, Van Buren county commissioner; and Emmett Thomas, director, Van Buren social services, are sending letters of support for Tri-CAP to the hearing.

State OEO officials, Alton Shipstead, director of Michigan OEO and James Jacobs, chief technical assistant, will also appear on Tri-CAP's behalf. Shipstead also represents Gov. William Milliken's office.

### OTHER MEMBERS

Other committee members are: community representatives, Lewis Wood, Mrs. Pearl Boston and Zelma Bess; Tri-CAP board chairman, Virgil May; executive director, Mrs. Helen Ford; treasurer, Victor Greer; planning committee chairman, Shannon Madison; personnel committee chairman, Mrs. Octavia Hawkins and board members, Maurice Bishop, Paul Cohen, Mrs. Armentha Jackson, Jackie Janings, Augusta Rice, Barbara Jarman and Thelma Edmundson.

The group will travel to Chicago on the Salvation Army bus. The Salvation Army has gone on record in support of Tri-CAP.

Other organizations who have announced support include: Twin Cities Area Human Resources Council, composed of 70 local agencies; Michigan Civil Rights Commission; Benton Harbor City Commission; the Unitarian church of Berrien and St. Mark's Lutheran church; the Van Buren United Civic Organization; United Minister's Action; Model Cities; Highland House; Van Buren health department; state department of social services and NAACP.

David Abbey, deputy director, said another 10 to 15 petitions from the grass roots level of poor people had also been signed and were being sent to OEO.

### MOTHER VISITS

GANGES — Mrs. Jesse Runkel and Miss Edith Plogstad, Ganges, were New Year's guests at the home of Mrs. Runkel's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Alderink, Grand Rapids.

### HAPPY REUNION

BRIGHTON, Colo. (AP) — Dist. Judge Oyer G. Leary was reunited recently with a sister he hadn't seen in 40 years — Miss Darlene Boulet of Toronto Ont.



BETTER LATE THAN NEVER: Oakland University food service employees and students decorated the student center in a Christmas motif Tuesday at Pontiac. A controversial ban on Yule decorations was lifted after the campus closed for the holidays. (AP Wirephoto)

## Recall Vote Near

## Dowagiac Officials Answer Critics

DOWAGIAC — City officials facing a recall election Jan. 25 have spelled out their rebuttal to charges triggering the election on the official ballot.

City Clerk Albert First said the ballots contain both the charges and the rebuttals.

Involved in the election are Mayor James E. Burke and Sam Fowlkes, James Giles, Bernard A. Peterson Jr., James Sears and Peter Terkos, all members of the city council. First said the charges against the officials are identical.

They are:

- 1) Failing to honor the requests of citizens to dismiss the city manager.
- 2) Harassing the police department, breaking down its morale and efficiency.
- 3) Paying an exorbitant price for a site for a library the electorate did not want, misusing city funds to do so.

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Mayor Burke's statement of justification of his conduct in office as printed on the ballot is as follows:

"As dedicated public servants,

I as mayor, and my council seek only the best interests of Dowagiac. The hours spent have been many, the pay little and with little thanks. We have thought to develop Dowagiac, attract new industry and seek available grants to lighten the load of the taxpayer.

### 'TEARING DOWN'

"Another group seeks only dissension and disruption in the community, tearing down what has been built. This alleged good government group has yet to make one constructive suggestion for the betterment of the community. The recall movement has torn the fabric of the community and subjected the city to area ridicule — and for whose benefit? A few politically ambitious people only.

"The charges they bring are vague and unsubstantiated. More importantly they are impossible for any right-thinking person to act or vote upon. Lastly, we have tried to the best of our abilities to be conservators of the tax dollar, providing as many good services as economically feasible. As an elector, you owe it to the dignity and fair name of our city to affirm the mayor and council to office."

## Lawton Prepares Museum

### Village Hall Library Will Be Expanded

LAWTON — A new village museum is expected to be ready late this month or early in February it was announced at the Lawton village council meeting last night.

Norman Garvelink, chairman of the village building and equipment committee, reported that \$288 had been spent to date re-decorating the house next to the village municipal building that will be opened as a museum.

Purchased last May for \$7,500 the house and lot is on Main street. Museum pieces presently stored in the municipal building will be moved into the new museum giving more room for expansion of the village library, also located in the municipal building.

In other business Charles MacDonald, clerk and chairman of the planning and program committee, read a proposed lease contract agreement with Mobil Oil company and its agent Robert Blum.

Blum will lease an acre of land in the village's industrial park to locate a bulk oil plant, the first business to move to the park.

Details of the lease would require Mobil to rent the property for \$126 a year, for five years with the lease open for negotiations at the end of that period.

MacDonald reported the lease will be signed at a later date.

In other action, the council approved the final payment of \$3,889.64 to John G. Yerington Concrete company for work completed on Railroad street and a payment of \$1,536.38 to the Penn Central railroad for its installation of flasher lights on Walker street.

## Watervliet Sells Piece Of Property

WATERVLIET — A \$10,000 bid on a piece of city-owned land on Butternut street was accepted last night by the city commission here.

The bid was submitted by Joe Treet, a dry well contractor. It was the only bid received. No plans for development were outlined.

In other areas, the commission announced a six per cent pay increase, retroactive to November 1, had been granted to the city's seven employees. The raise was approved at a special meeting Nov. 26.

Two vapor street lights were ordered installed in East alley near Butternut street.

## Sale Of Plat Books Aids Berrien 4-H

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## New Edition Now For Sale

New plat books of Berrien county are now on sale for \$4 apiece at various stores throughout the county, according to Larry Cushman, area 4-H agent.

The new plat book has detailed maps of each township in the county. Land parcels of more than 10 acres are identified in each township with the name of the registered land owner.

Also included in the plat book are index reference of land owners of 10 acres or more, county government directory, county index map and a general highway and road map. Funds received from the sale of the plat books will be used to support 4-H activities in Berrien county.

The following establishments have plat books on sale: Benton Harbor — Gardners Favorite Sports and Marine, Piedts Farm Supply and the USDA offices in Scottdale; St. Joseph — County Courthouse, Multiple Listing Service, and Frank's Sport Shop; Watervliet — Watervliet Fruit Exchange and Shave Orchard Supply; Coloma — Clark's Quality Gun service; Stevensville — True Value Hardware, Wickes Lumber and Glenford Home Center; Baroda — Baroda Farm Supply, Walters Variety and Baroda Lumber; Bigdam — Bridgman Supply and Al's Sport Center; Sawyer — Farmers Exchange of the Bank of Three Oaks; Three Oaks and New Buffalo — Bank of Three Oaks; Galien — hardware store,

## FATHER PAID \$200

## Kidnap Extortionist Sentenced To Prison

FLINT (AP) — A Flint man was sentenced Tuesday to 2½ to 20 years in prison for extortion in the attempted shakedown of a former Lansing mayor whose 16-year-old daughter was kidnapped and murdered last summer.

Carl H. Nehls, 42, had pleaded guilty to the charge. He was sentenced by Genesee Circuit Judge Philip C. Elliott.

Nehls was accused of trying to profit from the kidnapping of Laurie Murningham, daughter of Max Murningham. She was kidnapped July 9 during a store robbery in Lansing and later was found dead outside Lansing. Flint police arrested Nehls af-

ter Lansing police told them someone had called Murningham July 10, asking \$200 for Laurie's safe return. The caller told Murningham to leave the money in a Flint park.

Two Flint police left the money and arrested Nehls when he picked it up. The kidnapping-murder is still under investigation and no suspects are in custody.

Elliott recommended psychiatric treatment for Nehls, who has been treated previously at Pontiac State Hospital. In 1968, police said he escaped from that facility and was captured by Flint police.

## Truck Crash Victim Dies Of Injuries

### Second Berrien Fatality In '71

A Detroit truck driver died early today of injuries received Tuesday in an accident on I-94 near Watervliet.

Orlow Brown, 54, became the second traffic fatality in Berrien county for 1971. He died in Mercy hospital, Benton Harbor, at 6:45 a.m. where he was being treated for massive head injuries.

The accident occurred at about 5 a.m. Tuesday on I-94 west of Hennessey road. State Police from South Haven said that Brown's semi-trailer truck was eastbound when it slammed into the rear of another semi driven by Calvin Spooner, 28, Cassopolis. Spooner was not injured.

Spooner said that he saw Brown's truck approaching at a high rate of speed and that he blinked his emergency lights. Police said there were no skid marks before impact.

The victim was pinned in the wreckage of the cab of his truck nearly an hour before he was removed by Watervliet firemen.

## PINE GROVE TWP.

## Developer Unveils Subdivision Plan

GOBLES — A new development plan for a site where a mobile home park had been scheduled was unveiled last night to the Pine Grove township trustee board.

Donald Radtkin, construction engineer representing the site owner, asked for permission to develop the site for a housing subdivision. Owned by Donald Stoneburner, the 100 acres is located on the northwest corner of North Lake.

Stoneburner, in December, had been planning to develop part of the property into a mobile home park. He withdrew his plan, however, after residents filed objections with the township board and called for zoning regulations.

Supervisor Ivan Ray said the board would rule on the new proposal at its next meeting Feb. 2. He indicated that no official action by the board was required at this time, but that an answer would be given as guidance.

In other areas, the board agreed to impose a \$5-a-year permit charge on trailers located within the township. The fee is permitted by state law.

Enforcement of a measure controlling junk cars left in the township was also pledged.

Residents, the officials said, have been notified that no more than one inoperable car may be parked on their property by April 15 under provisions of the measure.

## State Will Fix Keeler Problem

KEELER — Keeler township officials announced last night that the state has agreed to take care of a water back-up problem on M-152 and county road 687 within the township.

The township board said the state had notified them that they would develop an outlet for the water. The back-up, caused in rain storms and from thaws, floods the road and causes hazardous driving conditions.

In another matter, Supervisor John Gillesby and Clerk Kenneth Timmons said they would attend the Michigan township association convention in Grand Rapids. The convention starts Tuesday.

## Collection Of Trash Continuing

### Firm Cancels Baroda Contract

BARODA — Refuse collection in the village and township is being continued despite cancellation of a contract with the firm which made the pick-ups previously.

Officials of the two communities said a firm operated by Harvie Luttrell, Hinchman road, Baroda, would make the collections until a final decision is reached on a permanent replacement.

Pick-ups in the township are scheduled for Saturday. In the village, pick-ups will be made Mondays. Cans are to be at roadside by 7 a.m. the morning of the pick-up. The cans should weigh no more than 40 pounds each. Garbage must be wrapped.

The firm formerly handling the collection, Lakeshore Disposal, was released from the work contract in December after officials said they had received numerous complaints.

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